

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A coloring method of a tangible matter having a polyamide bond, comprising:

treating the tangible matter having a polyamide bond with an aqueous solution containing an aromatic derivative having one or more hydroxyl groups selected from the group consisting of: dihydroxybenzoic acid, dihydroxybenzaldehyde, trihydroxybenzoic acid and trihydroxybenzaldehyde, and a metal salt~~[[,]]~~ selected from the group consisting of: iron (II or III) salt, copper salt, aluminum salt and nickel salt, wherein the salt is a nitrate, sulfate, chloride, acetate or citrate, at a temperature of 40°C or more, simultaneously or separately, wherein the tangible matter is colored without using any dye.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The coloring method of a tangible matter according to claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein the metal salt is an iron salt.

4. (Previously Presented) A tangible matter having a polyamide bond which is colored by using the method according to claim 1.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the treating steps are performed separately.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution further comprises a dyeing assistant agent which is selected from the group consisting of a penetrating agent, a fatliquoring agent and a pH adjustor.